## JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION Sworn Statement to be included in Transcript of Public Hearings

## Circuit Court (New Candidate)

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1. Why do you want to serve as a Circuit Court judge?

2. Do you plan to serve your full term if elected?

Yes. I plan to serve the full term if elected.

3. Do you have any plans to return to private practice one day?

I have never been in private practice. I have always worked in County and State government. I do plan to enter private practice

4. Have you met the Constitutional requirements for this position regarding age, residence, and years of practice?

Yes. I am 47 years of age, a lifelong resident of South Carolina and have been licensed to practice for the last 19 years.

5. What is your philosophy regarding *ex parte* communications? Are there circumstances under which you could envision *ex parte* communications being tolerated?

I do not believe Ex Parte communications should take place. I believe this type of communication is sometimes warranted for scheduling, administrative or emergency purposes. I believe that opposing counsel must be notified of the communication and given an opportunity to respond. This type of communication should not involve any substantive matters or issues involving the merits of the case. Further, no party should be able to gain any advantage through this communication over opposing counsel.

6. What is your philosophy on recusal, especially in situations in which lawyer-legislators, former associates, or law partners are to appear before you?

I believe a judge should recuse/disqualify himself or herself if his or her impartiality can reasonably be questioned. If I have a prior relationship with a party appearing before me I will disclose that a relationship exist and the nature of that relationship. I will then question the parties regarding waiving the recusal/disqualification and ask that they discuss the matter outside of my presence. If the parties agree to waive the recusal/disqualification I will proceed with the case. If the parties do not agree to waive the recusal/disqualification I will recuse/disqualify myself.

7. If you disclosed something that had the appearance of bias, but you



believed it would not actually prejudice your impartiality, what deference would you give a party that requested your recusal? Would you grant such a motion?

I will defer to the party to the party requesting the recusal and recuse myself.

8. How would you handle the appearance of impropriety because of the financial or social involvement of your spouse or a close relative?

I will make every effort to be informed of my spouse's financial and/or Social involvement. If these financial or social involvements would have any effect on the proceedings then I would recuse myself.

9. What standards would you set for yourself regarding the acceptance of gifts or social hospitality?

I will not accept gifts from litigants other than what is permitted by the Bar. Further, I would report the gift as outlined in the Canons.

10. How would you handle a situation in which you became aware of misconduct of a lawyer or of a fellow judge?

If I become aware of misconduct on the part of a lawyer or fellow judge I would directly communicate with the lawyer or fellow judge and report the misconduct to the appropriate authorities.

- 11. Are you affiliated with any political parties, boards or commissions that, if you were elected, would need to be re-evaluated? No.
- 12. Do you have any business activities that you would envision remaining involved with if elected to the bench? No.
- 13. If elected, how would you handle the drafting of orders?

I would rely on transcript of record, my notes taken during the proceeding in order to draft the Order. I may also request the parties to submit a Proposed Order outlining Finding of Facts and Conclusions of Law for consideration.

14. If elected, what methods would you use to ensure that you and your staff meet deadlines?

If elected, I will set a deadline for submission of requested materials. I along with my staff will check the status as the deadline approaches.

15. What is your philosophy on "judicial activism," and what effect should judges have in setting or promoting public policy?

I believe a Judge should make rulings based on existing law and not personal bias or political persuasion. I believe Judges should remain active in Bar Associations to stay informed of updated legal standards.

16. Canon 4 allows a judge to engage in activities to improve the law, legal system, and administration of justice. If elected, what activities do you plan to undertake to further this improvement of the legal system?

I plan to continue participating in Bar activities.

17. Do you feel that the pressure of serving as a judge would strain personal relationships (i.e. spouse, children, friends, or relatives)? How would you address this?

No I do not believe serving as a Judge would strain personal relationships. I believe you must balance your home and work life so that one does not adversely affect the other. This can be accomplished through time management and the support of family and friends.

- 18. The following list contains five categories of offenders that would perhaps regularly appear in your court. Discuss your philosophy on sentencing for these classes of offenders.
  - a. Repeat offenders:
    - I will take into consideration the prior criminal history and sentences, if any, and the current charges to sentence the offender.
  - b. Juveniles (that have been waived to the circuit court):
     The waiver of a juvenile to General Sessions court is very serious.
     I will take into consideration the prior criminal history if any and the current charges to sentence the offender.
  - c. White collar criminals:
    - I will take into consideration the nature of the crime, any prior criminal history, the impact of the crime in the community and make restitution a part of any sentence imposed.
  - d. Defendants with a socially and/or economically disadvantaged background:
    - I will take that factor into consideration along with the crime committed and sentence the offender accordingly.
  - e. Elderly defendants or those with some infirmity:
    - I will take those factors into consideration along with the offender's prior criminal history, if any, and current charges.
- 19. Are you involved in any active investments from which you derive additional income that might impair your appearance of impartiality?
- 20. Would you hear a case where you or a member of your family held a *de minimis* financial interest in a party involved? No.
- 21. Do you belong to any organizations that discriminate based on race, religion, or gender? No.
- 22. Have you met the mandatory minimum hours requirement for continuing legal education courses? Yes.
- 23. What do you feel is the appropriate demeanor for a judge?
  - I believe a Judge should be courteous and patient with all parties involved in the process while conducting the business of the court in a timely manner.
- 24. Would the rules that you expressed in your previous answer apply only while you are on the bench or in chambers, or would these rules apply seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day?
  - These rules apply to my life on a daily basis.
- 25. Do you feel that it is ever appropriate to be angry with a member of the public, especially with a criminal defendant? Is anger ever appropriate in

dealing with attorneys or pro se litigants?

Anger is not an appropriate response. A Judge must always display a calm and professional demeanor.

- 26. How much money have you spent on your campaign? If it is over \$100, has that amount been reported to the House and Senate Ethics Committees? None.
- 27. If you are a sitting judge, have you used judicial letterhead or the services of your staff while campaigning for this office? N/A
- 28. Have you sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to this date? No.
- 29. Have you sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by any legislator pending the outcome of your screening? No.
- 30. Have you asked any third parties to contact members of the General Assembly on your behalf before the final and formal screening report has been released? Are you aware of any friends or colleagues contacting members of the General Assembly on your behalf? No.
- 31. Have you contacted any members of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission? No.
- 32. Are you familiar with the 48-hour rule, which prohibits a candidate from seeking pledges for 48 hours after the draft report has been submitted? Yes.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ANSWERS TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

s/Lisa C. Glover	
Sworn to before me this 11 <sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.	
Notary Public for S.C.	
My Commission Expires: 1/18/2021	